

This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available.

S E C R E T ANKARA 002386

SIPDIS

STATE FOR EUR/SE, NEA/NGA, PMAT; OSD FOR ISA AND ISP; JCS
FOR J5; EUCOM FOR J5, POLAD; CENTCOM FOR J5 AND POLAD;

E.O. 12958: DECL: 03/19/2013

TAGS: [PREL](#) [MARR](#) [MOBS](#) [TU](#) [SY](#) [IZ](#) [ETTC](#)

SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO TURKEY ON STATE OF US-SYRIA BILATERAL
RELATIONS

REF: A) STATE 93794 B) ANKARA 2372

(u) Classified by Ambassador W. Robert Pearson. Reasons:
1.5 (B and D)

11. (S) During a late afternoon April 11 meeting with MFA
Director General for Bilateral Relations Burcuoglu (after FM
Gul had announced he had canceled his trip to Damascus -- ref
b), DCM conveyed USG views on the current state of US-Syrian
relations (ref a). DCM said he had intended to deliver the
message in anticipation of FM Gul traveling to Syria. Even
though the FM had canceled the visit, the it was useful to
share with the GOT current US views on US-Syrian relations.

12. (S) After the DCM delivered ref a points, Burcuoglu said
FM Gul would have delivered a similar message to Syrian
officials had he visited Syria. He described the canceled
visit as a "missed opportunity." Burcuoglu said that, given
FM Gul's busy travel schedule (Burcuoglu said Gul would be
traveling to Brussels, then to Athens and finally to Pakistan
on April 21-22), there were no plans at the moment to
reschedule the visit to Syria.
PEARSON